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SUBJECT: SPAIN: QUAI D'ORSAY VIEW OF POST-FRANCO
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IN REVIEW OF SITUATION IN SPAIN, QUAI D'ORSAY EUROPEAN
DIRECTOR JACQUES ANDREANI EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT CON-
STITUTIONAL PROCEDURES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE
AFTER FRANCO'S DEATH. HE SAID KEY QUESTION, HOWEVER,
IS WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE TRANSFER OF POWER. IN QUAI
D'ORSAY VIEW, JUAN CARLOS MUST, WITHIN FIRST TWO WEEKS
OF ASSUMING POWER, ANNOUNCE SWEEPING PROGRAM OF DEMO-
CRATIC REFORMS. IF HE FAILS, OR IS PREVENTED FROM
DOING THIS, THERE WILL BE RAPIDLY ESCALATING CYCLE OF
VIOLENCE WHICH WILL RESULT IN EITHER ANARCHIC SITUATION
A LA PORTUGAL, OR IMPOSITION OF REPRESSIVE MILITARY
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DICTATORSHIP. IN ANY EVENT, ANDREANI CONCLUDED, THERE

IS NO QUESTION OF SPAIN'S POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINING
WHERE IT IS TODAY. IT HAS TO CHANGE, AND IT IS ESSEN-
TIAL THAT JUAN CARLOS AND THE MODERATE FORCES DIRECT
THIS PENT UP ENERGY FOR CHANGE IN THE DIRECTION OF
DEMOCRATIC REFORM. IF THE RIGHT TRENDS DEVELOP,
ANDREANI SAID, THE EC-9 WILL BE READY TO EMBRACE SPAIN
VERY EARLY AND WITH MUCH AFFECTION.
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